

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

WASHINGTON.
Sidney H. Clarke of Oklahoma says that the people of his Territory are certain that statehood rights will soon be granted.
The President did not go near his office Christmas Day. He assisted the children of his family in opening their packages and took a horseback ride, entertaining at dinner in the evening.
Senator Veto declares the only adequate remedy for the trust evil is the removal of the tariff protection on which monopolies have grown to their present uncontrollable proportions.
The Cuban treaty, the full text of which is made known for the first time, is believed to be in danger of falling of ratification. Opponents of the reciprocity plan declare the administration will never be able to muster the necessary two-thirds vote.
Miss Rebecca Knox, daughter of the Attorney General, quite ill, and has been obliged to abandon her anticipated journey to Japan.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.
Pope school pupils publish a paper.
Lieutenant Governor Lee appoints a committee, composed of four representatives of St. Louis newspapers, to select a new day for his clerk in the Senate.
Three hundred poor families are made glad by distribution of food through the Ellis' bldg.
Sulphur bones may be removed from the Court-house.
Sons rescued their mother from a fire which ignited Christmas gifts.
Veterans of the G. A. R. will honor John Brooks, who came from a remarkably long-lived family.
Sisters celebrate a double silver wedding anniversary.
Strike of cab drivers caused funeral mourners to use street cars.

Police find nothing missing from the cigar store where John Moog, his owner, was killed Christmas Eve night, and now believe that murderer had other motive than robbery.
Mrs. Ellen Mahoney celebrated her one-hundredth birthday.
Several trunks filled with stolen goods were found in the possession of a negro, who was arrested.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.
A mob at Pittsburg, Kan., hanged a negro who killed a police officer in a free fight at a negro dance.
An Ohio man says that his father and a companion in the American army, that invaded Mexico secretly looted rich cathedrals and buried the treasure, part of which has recently been discovered.
H. C. Frick denies the presidency of the Steel Trust is vacant, and asserts that he would not accept any executive office.

The steamer A. L. Hopkins, it is believed, has been lost on Lake Erie.
A mother and three children are burned to death in their home at Pierceland, N. Y.
William P. Holenbach of Kansas City told his sick wife he had a Christmas present for her, opened a box, took out a pistol and shot her three times. He killed himself after attempting to shoot his stepdaughter.
New York had a "white Christmas," the ground being covered with snow early in the day. The poor of the city were cared for by numerous feasts at hospitals, prisons and churches.

FOREIGN.
Baron Destoumiers de Constant asserts that the allies have openly ignored the Hague convention by undertaking to punish that country while it asks for arbitration.
The fugitive Crown Princess of Saxony intends to obtain a divorce in order that she may become Mme. Wilson.
Mrs. Henry E. Stacey, widow of the New York Impresario, is arriving in London.
King Edward and Queen Alexandra spent Christmas at Sandringham, surrounded by the royal family. An unusual number of charitable dinners were brought forth by the prevailing distress.

Emperor William distributed gold pieces among the servants at the royal palace. In the evening Christmas trees for all the children of the royal family were lighted and presents distributed.
The American colony in Rome, including the St. Louis World's Fair Commissioners, were guests at a Christmas dinner given by Ambassador and Mrs. Meyer.

SPORTING.
Dan McLeod becomes wrestling champion. Tom Jenkins forfeiting the match after each had a fall.
Jim Jeffries has decided to take up hard training, and has sent for Billy Delaney.
Repeated earthquake shocks at Andijan, Russian Central Asia, set railway cars in motion and create a panic among the railroad employees.
Jockey "Winnie" O'Connor has signed a contract to ride next season in France for the Baron de Rothschild. His retaining fees will aggregate \$5,000 per annum.
"Pittsburgh Phil" spent his Christmas in Pittsburgh a tip for a Christmas present, and they won \$30,000 on the victory of Atlanta at New Orleans.
McChesney, brilliantly ridden by Jockey Recker, won the Christmas Haddenby at New Orleans. Ravensburg won the stake event at Newport, while Nones captured the feature of the card at Ingleside.

Marine Intelligence.
New York, Dec. 25.—Sailed: La Savaria, Havre.
Lizard, Dec. 25.—Passed: La Touraine, New York for Havre.
Queenstown, Dec. 25.—Sailed: Steamer Autonic from Liverpool, New York.
New York, Dec. 25.—Arrived: Steamer Celtic, Liverpool and Queenstown.
Havre, Dec. 25.—Arrived: Steamer La Touraine, New York.
London, Dec. 25.—Arrived: Manitou, New York.

YATES TO RETURN TUESDAY.
Illinois Governor Did Not Spend Christmas in Cuba.
Springfield, Ill., Dec. 25.—Governor Yates, who is now in Florida for his health, did not spend Christmas in Cuba, as expected. He was to have sailed Wednesday, but the boat on which he was to have taken the trip did not start.

A message received at the executive office to-day states that the Governor and Mrs. Yates will return to Springfield next Tuesday, as the executive is greatly improved in health, and is now able to assume charge of State affairs.

GAINES-WYATT.
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 25.—The marriage of Mr. L. R. Gaines and Miss Clara Wyatt occurred at the bride's home to-day. The Reverend J. J. Carroll officiated.

SEATON-MINOR.
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Troy, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Mr. Edward H. Seaton, Deputy County Treasurer, and Miss Jean Seaton, daughter of the late Mr. Seaton, were married to-day at the residence of the bride's parents.

WEBB-ELLIS.
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
West Plains, Mo., Dec. 25.—Frances H. Webb, teacher of shorthand in Webb Plains College, was married to-day to Miss Anna Webb of the city.

LUDWIG-PIEKER.
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 25.—Otto C. Ludwig and Miss Anna Pieker, prominent in German society, were married to-day.

TWO ADAMANT WEDDINGS.
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Alton, Mo., Dec. 25.—Mr. F. A. Foreman and Miss Anna Foreman, prominent in German society, were married to-day.

GAMBIE-FARRAR.
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Centralia, Mo., Dec. 25.—Mr. Lewis M. Gambie and Miss Mabel Farrar were married this evening at the residence of the bride's parents in Centralia.

WINSOFT-CRAWFORD.
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Centralia, Mo., Dec. 25.—Mr. Lloyd Winscott and Miss Ethel Crawford were married this afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, west of Centralia.

TOLD WIFE HE HAD PRESENT FOR HER

Opened a Box, Took Out Revolver and Shot Her Three Times as She Lay in Bed.

TRIED TO KILL STEPDAUGHTER.

Failing in This, He Turned Weapon Against His Own Breast and Killed Himself—Kansas City's Tragedy.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 25.—William P. Holenbach, watchmaker for the Missouri Elevator Company, in the east bottom, shot his wife, Belle Holenbach, three times at 11 o'clock this morning as she lay in bed sick in her room at No. 1301 East Eleventh street.
Believing that he had killed her, Holenbach pointed the weapon at Pearl Osborn, his 15-year-old stepdaughter, but she escaped through a rear door before he could carry out his evident intention to shoot her, too.

The desperate man then sent one bullet into his own breast, near the left collar bone, and another into his heart. Then, staggering back into the room from which he had run in pursuit of his stepdaughter, he dropped forward dead, his right hand still clasp the revolver.
Mrs. Holenbach was shot through the left side and again through the left shoulder. A third bullet inflicted a slight wound in the left hand.

Doctor Gardner, who attended Mrs. Holenbach, says she probably will recover.
Holenbach and his wife have carried on business during the past few months and separated last week with a mutual agreement to live apart in the future.

Mrs. Holenbach was sick in bed this morning. At 10:20 o'clock Holenbach ate breakfast in the restaurant just across the street from the house in which the shooting took place. Miss Rose Miller, who rented rooms to Mrs. Holenbach, met him in the hall.

"I must see Belle again," he said to Miss Miller. "I have a Christmas present for her."

He exhibited a box the size of an ordinary shoe box, and with a few pleasant words, went across the street to his wife's room. Mrs. Holenbach and her daughter, Pearl, were alone when Holenbach entered and locked the door.

"He told mother he had a Christmas box," said daughter to-night. "and stood by the bedside talking pleasantly. He asked my mother to return to him, but she said it was useless."

"Well," he exclaimed finally, "you will have to go with me and your mother." He suddenly opened the box and produced the revolver. Before I could move a hand he shot mother three times.

"I sprang to the door at the first shot and found it locked. I knew then the man was after my life. I struggled with the lock and finally got out into the hallway and ran. He followed me, but I got to the door and shot myself twice and dropped dead."

Miss Miller says she followed Holenbach across the street, where he was on the second story, in the rear of the building and caught the hall just in time to see him place the revolver to his breast and fire, and turned and ran downstairs to call the police.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.
Take **Loxton's Quinine Tablets**. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. L. W. Groves' signature is on each box, 25c.

RAISE IN SALARIES ANNOUNCED.
Chicago and Alton Makes Christmas Present to Employees.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 25.—The Chicago and Alton officials to-day announced a Christmas present for all of the operators, freight clerks and assistant agents, yardmen, etc. An increase in pay averaging 10 per cent has been granted upon, and what is still more satisfactory to the army of employees affected, the advance is effective December 1.

The question of advancing the pay of telegraphers has been under discussion for some time. This class of employees has been steadily declining in numbers, owing to the increasing rate of wages paid, and during the last year the company had difficulty in procuring enough men to fill the required number of positions. It is now believed that there will be no further complaint on this score.

The operators, who have been receiving \$40 monthly, are advanced to \$45. Those receiving \$45 will be paid \$50 and so on. In some cases where employees have been particularly loyal and faithful to the company's interests, a still greater increase is allowed. In addition, a persons engaged in a clerical capacity are given an increase ranging from \$2.50 to \$30 per month.

Some of the details of the company, including the shop employees, were conceded an increase a month ago, and the operators, agents and clerks are now included in the same uniform advance.

SISTERS CELEBRATE A DOUBLE SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.



MRS. GEORGE CUTTER.
Sisters, who yesterday celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage.

Two sisters, Mrs. George Cutter and Mrs. William Spreen, yesterday celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their double marriage at No. 223 Walnut street, the home of George Cutter. The mother, the husbands and five children, besides many other relatives, took part in the celebration.

An elaborate dinner was served at noon and at 6 o'clock in the evening, at the exact hour the first double ceremony was performed twenty-five years ago, a second ceremony was held. The brides were given in white and this second wedding had all the details of the first except a real minister. Ira Lackey of Chicago, a brother-in-law, performed the mock service.

Mrs. Cutter was Miss Emma Carter and Mrs. Spreen was Miss Lizzie Carter. They lived in Alton, Ill. Their husbands were both born and reared in the same block as the brides. The four persons played together as children and attended the same school. After school days were ended and the young men went into business affairs took a more serious turn, and it was not

MOOG'S MURDERER HAD OTHER MOTIVE THAN ROBBERY, POLICE THINK ON FINDING VALUABLES UNDISTURBED.



JOHN MOOG.
Mystery still surrounds the killing of John Moog, the aged cigar merchant, who was found dead in his place of business, No. 34 South Fourth street, shortly before midnight, Wednesday.

Circumstances surrounding the tragedy made it appear that Moog was killed by some one familiar with the surroundings, and upon this theory the police expect to work out a solution to the crime.

George Dawson, 22 years old, of No. 108 South Fourth street is being held by the police on suspicion. Dawson admits that he was in Moog's store Wednesday night, but declares he was in his bed shortly after 10 o'clock. He is corroborated in the latter statement by Mrs. Christina Kistner, his grandmother, with whom he lives. Dawson will be held, however, until after the coroner's inquest, which will be held this morning at 10 o'clock.

Chief Kelly says it is one of the most baffling cases the department has had to deal with in many years, but he believes that some clue, which will enable the department to work more effectively upon the case, will be turned up in a day or two.

The murdered man's store has been thoroughly searched by the police in hope of discovering the weapon with which the old man was assaulted, but nothing of the kind has so far been found. In the dead man's sleeping, or living, apartment, in the rear of the store, two chests of carpenter's tools were found, but none of the tools had blood stains upon them.

MURDERED MAN SUSPICIOUS OF CUSTOMERS AFTER NIGHT.
The theory that Moog was murdered by some one who knew him is based upon the fact that he was known to be very cautious about letting persons into his place at a late hour of the night. The policeman on the beat never tried the door to see if it was locked. Moog had requested him not to do this, because it always awakened him, and then his sleep for the night was broken.

The suggestion that he was murdered for money is given little credence now by friends of the dead man, who claim that he was possessed of no wealth to speak of. Hence the police cannot ascribe the motive for the deed to the man who was working for the money. Von Boken says he frequently attended to the store for Moog while the latter went out to lunch or to transact some business.

LEFT THE CIGAR STORE SHORTLY BEFORE THE MURDER.
Von Boken, together with another friend of the dead man, Henry Ewers of No. 1206 Chouteau avenue, was in the store with Moog until nearly 10 o'clock Wednesday night, when the latter remarked that it was about bed time and that he thought he would retire. Von Boken says that he and Ewers left the store and went home.

From the statement made by Otto C. Wiese, who conducts a lunch room at No. 224 Walnut street, it appears that Moog had taken lunch in Wiese's place every day and night for years, came into the place almost immediately after Von Boken and Ewers claim to have left him, not some lunch and then left the place, going, it is thought, directly to his place and retiring.

The murder must have been committed some time between 10:30 and 11:30 o'clock, for by the time Moog had taken his lunch and prepared himself for bed, it must have been 10:30 o'clock, and, perhaps, a little later.

The police theory is that Moog had hardly sought his bed before he was called to the door. Taking in consideration the statement of friends that Moog was very careful about whom he admitted at that hour of night, it is believed by the police that he recognized some friend at the door and opened it without hesitation.

ATTACKED WITH HATCHET IN FRONT DOORWAY.
The police are working on the case, discussing the affair from the time of the old man's opening the door for the person in the store who is in his opinion the murderer assaulted Moog as quickly as he was admitted. Kelly thinks, and the nature of the wounds seem to bear out the assertion, that the weapon used was a sharp hatchet, and from the ugly wound on the left side of Moog's neck, believes the man struck the blow as soon as he entered the store for the purpose in which Moog's body was found would indicate that he fell as he was taking one step backward.

The blow in the jugular vein, was enough to have caused his death, but, in order to make doubly sure of his work, the murderer followed up with two more blows on the face and head. The body was found lying face downward in a pool of blood, and it is evident that Moog never moved after he fell from the first blow.

The police were informed yesterday that two suspicious characters were seen walking back and forth in front of the store for the purpose of the murder. It is supposed to have been committed, but no description of the men has been obtained. One of the men, because they could not have gained an entrance without having some disturbance, so the police assert.

MRS. NIVER TELLS HOW SHE DISCOVERED THE BODY.
Mrs. Stella Niver, residing on the third floor above the cigar store, who found the body of Moog's place unlocked, told the Republic yesterday that she tried the door for the purpose of asking Moog to open the door leading to the stairway. She says he had done that before for both herself and other tenants. She was returning to her room from her mother's home, where she had helped to prepare a Christmas tree.

When she discovered the door unlocked she ran across the street to the Southern Hotel Pharmacy and told the clerk, Henry Pritchler, who had lunchroom and see of Moog was in there, and if so to tell him his front door was open.

Pritchler did so, but did not find Moog. He and Mrs. Niver then returned to the third floor. As they entered, Pritchler struck a match and the first thing that met his gaze through the dim light was the body of the murdered man lying on the floor. The old man was attired in his underwear only. Pritchler then notified the police on the second floor of the building, told The Republic yesterday that he had found the body of Moog, and that he had called the police.

NEIGHBOR HEARD NOISE AFTER STELLA HAD RETIRED.
Mrs. Niver said that shortly after this she retired, and before she fell asleep she heard some one try the knob of the door leading into her kitchen, and which is the only entrance to the place. She says she was too badly frightened to investigate.

Moog had been in business at No. 34 South Fourth street for nearly twenty years. He was a native of Switzerland, and so far as is known had no relatives in St. Louis. The front part of the store, which contained his stock of cigars and tobacco, was about ten feet square, while the rear part, which is about the same size, was used for the purpose of a living room.

The murdered man was a familiar character in that locality, as he was espoused by a third of the city, and was well known to the police. He was a good neighbor and a good citizen.

TWICE AS OLD AS BRIDEGROOM.
Med Ledford, 25 Years Old, Weds Mrs. Allsopp of 50.

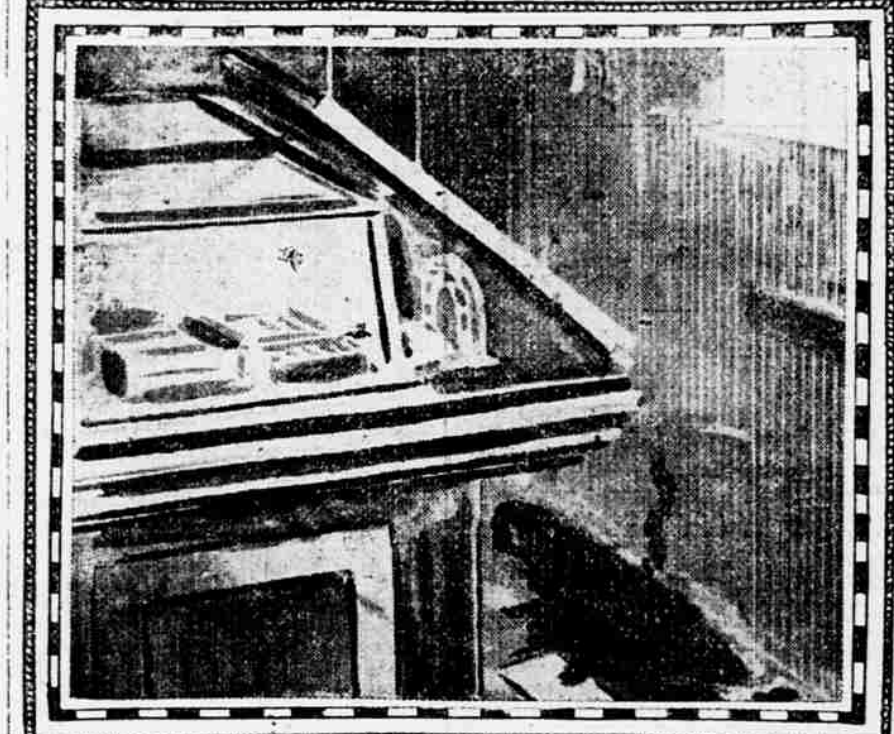
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Harrisburg, Ill., Dec. 25.—Quite a surprise to this city's king of the ring, the marriage of Mr. Med Ledford and Mrs. Mary A. Allsopp.

Mrs. Allsopp is quite wealthy, being a holder of a third of the stock in the Ledford mines, south of this city, and is nearly 50 years old, while the bridegroom is only 25 years old and a poor boy.

On account of the difference in age and the fact that the friends of either party never once entertained an idea that they would marry.



Living apartments of Moog, showing bed in the corner. The murdered man ate and slept in this room. The clothing on the floor and bed show how the police searched for the weapon used in the assault.



The front part of Moog's cigar store, showing the end of the counter upon which was a five-foot show case. The dark spot in the corner is the pool of blood on which the old man was lying.

WOMAN'S TRUNKS FULL OF STOLEN GOODS

More Than Two Hundred Towels Discovered in the Possession of Hattie Irvin, a Negress.

CHURCH CANDLES ALSO FOUND.

Three Persons Who Have Identified Some of the Property Will Apply for Warrants This Morning.

PROPERTY FOUND IN NEGRO WOMAN'S ROOMS.
Hand-painted water pitcher.
Twenty towels, with fancy embroidery.
One silk waist.
Dumpling of ladies' fancy handkerchiefs.
Seventy-five towels in a small trunk.
One hundred and fifty towels, bedspreads, pillow shams, lace curtains, napkins and sheets.
Church candles and glass inkstand.
One large trunk filled to its capacity with numerous articles.

Hattie Irvin, a negress, is locked up at the Eighth District Police Station on the charge of petty larceny on a wholesale plan. One of those who will apply for a warrant against her this morning is Mrs. W. E. Etling, wife of Patrolman Etling, residing at No. 3420 Lindell avenue. The arrest of the woman was made by Etling, and the police think it may develop into an important one.

A hand-painted water pitcher caused the woman's apprehension. Mrs. Etling went to the grocery of A. Rupert, No. 342 Lindell avenue, yesterday morning for some milk, leaving the pitcher there while she went into another place. When she returned the pitcher was gone.

Returning home, she told her husband of the incident, and he went at once to the store, found that a negro woman had come in after Mrs. Etling had left the pitcher, and then went in search of the negress. He overtook her at Grand avenue and Pine street and followed her into the house No. 24 Pine street.

The woman went into the basement of the house, set down the basket she was carrying and went on to the rear door. While she was out Policeman Etling looked into the basket and found the pitcher. When she returned the officer accused her of taking the pitcher, but she denied it, saying that a clerk in the store gave it to her.

Etling then suspected her of having other stolen articles in the basement, where she occupied three rooms. The first thing he found was a bundle of twenty fancy towels, one silk waist and several fancy handkerchiefs. These were in the woman's bedroom.

In a corner of another room he found seventy-five towels in a trunk, while in still another corner, buried under some clothing, he found a large box which contained 150 towels, bedspreads, pillow-shams, lace curtains, napkins and sheets.

He also found some church candles and a heavy glass inkstand.
Many of the towels in the box were marked "E. C. Sutton," and when questioned as to how she came into possession of them she said she did not know. She told Etling that she formerly worked for Mrs. Sutton, who lived somewhere near Beaumont, on Locust street.

OTHER GOODS IDENTIFIED.
Mrs. Sutton was found at No. 239 Locust street. She stated that the woman had

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300 Men's Black and Oxford Overcoats

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worked for her, and when told of the towels said that, besides herself, several of her boarders had missed numerous articles. Mr. Sutton was taken to the woman's house and identified the towels by the mark. This morning Mrs. Sutton will endeavor to identify the other articles.

Mrs. Mamie Wearing of No. 354 Pine street, who rents the basement to the woman, also identified some of the articles as her property. Mrs. M. E. Stacey, who lives with Mrs. Wearing, declares some of the property belongs to her.

A large trunk full of articles of various descriptions was also found in the basement. All the property together with the woman was taken to the station and will be examined this morning.

From what the police have already found, they expect to discover many things when the contents of the trunk are inspected.

Mrs. Wearing claims the woman has silverware among her property and Mrs. Sutton declares that one of her boarders lost a valuable Masonic chain, inset with diamonds, while others lost overcoats and other wearing apparel. Mrs. Sutton says she had to call the police to force the woman away when she discharged her.

The police believe the woman is a professional sneak thief. However, she denies having stolen any of the articles mentioned, but will not explain how she came into their possession.

NEW YORK'S WHITE CHRISTMAS Many Feasts Were Served by the Charitable Organizations.

New York, Dec. 25.—New York enjoyed a "white Christmas" this year. Very early in the morning snow began falling and by the time people were awake the ground was thickly covered.

In all the churches special Christmas services were held, the music being the feature in most of them. Bishop Potter preached in Grace Protestant Episcopal Church and consecrated the magnificent new altar chancel, just completed. Archbishop Farley celebrated pontifical high mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Dinners to the needy, to the sick and the in prison were given by the score. Feasts were served in all the hospitals and charitable institutions throughout the city and suburbs.

The usual Christmas charity of the Salvation Army was carried out successfully. The army gave away nearly 2,000 dinners at the Grand Central Palace. Babb dinner was calculated to feed five persons. It was uncooked, and served in a basket.

AMBASSADOR MEYER'S DINNER. St. Louis World's Fair Commissioners Among the Guests.

Rome, Dec. 25.—All of fashionable Rome were up Christmas Eve. The Italian Embassy, where Ambassador and Mrs. Meyer entertained their friends at a dance, was the scene of a very brilliant affair. General and Mrs. Clarke of Washington; Miss Carow, sister-in-law of President Roosevelt; A. W. Everts of New York; John Mason Little of Boston and Mr. Chapin of New York.

Among the Christmas festivities received by the Pope to-day were greetings from the Emperor Francis Joseph and the Kings of Spain, Portugal, Belgium and Saxony.

CLEAR AND COLD IN ENGLAND. King and Queen Spent Christmas at Sandringham.

London, Dec. 25.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra spent the day at Sandringham, this being the first Christmas their Majesties have spent at their favorite residence since their accession.

The royal family, including the Prince of Wales, Princess Victoria, the Duchess of Fife and Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark, attended an early service at Sandringham Church, which was beautifully decorated. The King afterwards personally

FED FOUR HUNDRED POOR. Salvation Army Gives Christmas Dinner at Evansville.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Evansville, Ind., Dec. 25.—The Salvation Army of this city fed 400 poor people at a dinner to-day. The inmates of the orphan asylums of the county were fed by the Evansville lodge of Elks.

A severe gale swept the north coast of Great Britain to-day and caused considerable damage to shipping and water-front property on the Clyde and the Tyne.

STILL CONTINUES TO IMPROVE. Physicians Now Hope for Mrs. Dockery's Recovery.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 25.—Mrs. Dockery's improved condition continued to-day. She is better than at any time during the past three days, and her physicians are hopeful for her recovery.

"I wrote to Doctor Pierce, who sent me a very kind letter and advised me."

Thousands of weak and sick women can trace the beginning of a new life of perfect health to that letter written to Dr. Pierce.

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